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PROVISIONAL NOTICE OF APPEAL

It is sincerely believed that the appended amendment overcomes the Examiner's rejection of this application such that there is no need for an appeal herein. However, in the event the Examiner believes that the only resolution to this case is to forward it to the Board, undersigned respectfully appeals the final rejection dated October 7, 2003 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case on to the Board for appeal purposes.

Applicant hereby appeals the rejections in the above-identified case as set forth in the Office Action dated October 7, 2003. More specifically, applicant hereby appeals the rejections of claims 1-3, 6-13, and 15.

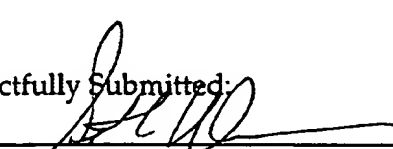
Should the Examiner feel that this case should be passed on to the Board, the fees due with respect to this Notice of Appeal filed herewith should be charged to deposit account 11-1734, attorney docket number 30020-pa.

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